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The University Of Queensland
AUSTRALIA





The University
Founded in 1910, campus built in 1937.
Ranking 40th Worldwide, 6th in Australia.
Close to Brisbane City Center.
55,000 students.
Strong maths programmes
Variety of pure, applied and stats courses.



Living as a Student
Private student accommodation is expensive but good quality.
Cheaper rooms in shared houses can be found, which I would recommend.
Fresh produce is amazing; the tropical fruit is top quality.
Sports clubs are very different at UQ – less social and more competitive.
There are so many clubs and societies – whatever your interests you will find one to join!

Studying
High flexibility in choosing options.
Assignment based assessment, generally four 10-15% assignments.
End of Semester exams worth 40-60%.
The academic year runs January-December, semesters done ‘back to front’.
Courses are fast paced and challenging, but manageable.
Prepare for both early and late lectures and exams.

Life in Australia
Australians are very easy going!
You will meet international students too, as the uni hosts many of them.
Brisbane is easy to get around; bus and train fares are only 50c each (approx. 25p).
The weather is amazing with summer days sitting in the high 20s!
Humidity is very high during the summer, and the sun is always out!
Eating out is cheaper than the UK, groceries are expensive but good quality.
I went to see a few concerts with friends which were great fun!
Pub trips are good, with lots of options.
Alcohol is very expensive!

Nature & Surrounding Area
Australia is stunning!
No beaches in Brisbane but quick trains to the Gold Coast.
Sunshine Coast is just north of Brisbane, with stunning beaches.
Easy journey to Australia Zoo.
Lots of mountain ranges, hikes, waterfalls and swimming holes around Brisbane.
Cars are helpful – but you will meet people with them!

